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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, BL
SUBJ: CURRENT STATUS OF CONSTANTINO LEMA

REF: STATE 57137

1. DURING HIS LAST VISIT MARCH 18 TO LA PAZ,
NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR NILSEN TOLD ME THAT
HE HAD EARLIER MADE A FORMAL INQUIRY TO THE GOB
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDING
THE STATUS OF CONSTANTINO LEMA. THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD ANSWERED HIS QUERY
WITH A NOTE A COPY OF WHICH THE
AMBASSADOR OFFERED TO SEND ME FROM SANTIAGO.

2. AMBASSADOR NILSEN MENTIONED THAT HE HAD RAISED THE
ISSUE OF MR. LEMA AGAIN AND HAD ASKED
PERMISSION TO VISIT LEMA. UNDER
INSTRUCTIONS, THE AMBASSADOR PROPOSED
INFORMALLY TO OFFER ASYLUM TO MR. LEMA
SHOULD HE WISH TO GO TO NORWAY. IF MR.
LEMA DESIRED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NORWAY'S
OFFER, THE AMBASSADOR THEN INTENDED TO RAISE
THE QUESTION FORMALLY WITH THE GOB.
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3. EMBASSY HAS NOT REPEAT NOT MADE FORMAL
APPROACH TO GOB REGARDING MR. LEMA BECAUSE
WE HAD RECEIVED INFORMAL BUT RELIABLE
INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES ABOUT HIS
STATUS. WE HAD NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED
ANY REPORTS OF TORTURE OF LEMA BUT OUR

QUERIES DID NOT REPEAT NOT ADDRESS THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. UNFORTUNATELY WE DOUBT THAT THERE IS ANY "EXACT CHARGE" AGAINST LEMA ALTHOUGH THE GOB'S NOTE TO THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR SHOULD CLEAR THIS UP. AS FAR AS WE COULD DETERMINE HIS FRIENDS DID NOT REPEAT NOT KNOW THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM EXCEPT THAT THEY WERE OF A POLITICAL NATURE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED SANTIAGO: REQUEST EMBASSY RAISE SUBJECT WITH NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR THERE AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY LA PAZ OF THE RESULTS OF THE NORWEGIAN DEMARCHES REGARDING MR. LEMA AND THE TEXT OF THE NOTE HE RECEIVED FROM GOB.

5. ACTION REQUESTED DEPARTMENT: PLEASE REPEAT STATE 57137 AND STATE 47633 TO SANTIAGO.
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